CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: 2006.10.08.wmv

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1500030.069

Medium: Computer Moving Image File

Director: Not stated

Producer: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Secretary for Internal Affairs

Classification: Objectionable.

Excisions: No excisions recommended

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 15 May 2015

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 15 May 2015

	Components	Running time
Timed component(s):	bluebench1.wmv	2:48
Total running time:		2:48

Summary of reasons for decision:

This publication is classified as objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young people, under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993.

The computer moving image file depicts a young teenage girl removing her clothes and posing seductively. The girl's coquettish sexual poses and nudity form the focus of the short video, while the website watermark provides evidence of the girl's commercial sexual exploitation. There is no possible alternative reading of the video other than that it exists solely for the purpose of sexual titillation. Videos such as this encourage the belief that teenagers are available for adult forms of sexual activity. The continued availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of a sexual interest in young people and contributes to their sexual exploitation.

The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.